

Appl. No. 08/997,515
Amdt. Dated July 27, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 6, 2004

Docket No. IRI08459
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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected. Claim 20 has been canceled.

Claims 1-8, 11-17 and 20 are rejected under the provisions of 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,453,162 issued on September 17, 2002 to W. Gentry.

The Examiner indicates that the web server 44 of Gentry reads on the distributed home location register of the Applicants. The Applicants have amended base claims 1 and 11 to indicate that the home network includes a network home location register and also the distributed home location register. The distributed home location register being directly coupled to a mobile user via a mobile device. Gentry does not disclose or suggest such an arrangement. As a result, the Applicants believe that the 35 USC 102 rejection is overcome. The Applicants respectfully request removal of this rejection.

Claims 9-10 and 18-19 are rejected under the provisions of 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gentry. Claims 9-10 and 18-19 are believed allowable by virtue of their dependency on an allowable base claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be removed.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

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In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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